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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 September 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Croatia*

Other matters

Iraq

Briefing by Ambassador Richard Butler, Executive Chairman of the Special Commission established by the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 9 (b) (i) of Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

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* Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING
THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

3.30 p.m.	12th (closed) meeting	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3 p.m.	3rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Election of a Vice-President of the General Assembly.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Immediately following the plenary meeting of the General Assembly	1st meeting	Conference Room 4

Organization of work of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/52/1).

Committees

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

11.30 a.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report: proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II

2. Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 1997

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	43rd meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	44th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. UNFPA: Implementation and monitoring of technical support services arrangements [7] (DP/1997/16)

2. UNFPA: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters: Annual financial review 1996 and Budget estimates 1998-1999 including evaluation of training activities [7] (DP/FPA/13; DP/FPA/1997/14; DP/FPA/1997/15; DP/FPA/1997/16 and DP/FPA/1997/11)

3. Other matters: Terms of reference of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health [10] (DP/FPA/1997/17)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today* at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

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There will be an informal Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting (closed) *today*, 17 September 1997, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 17 September 1997

ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING FOR NEW DELEGATES ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77
(on the draft ministerial declaration)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

RIO GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

5 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 September 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings from 1 to 19 September will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226), and thereafter in Conference Room E.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee of the General Assembly will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 19 September 1997, at 4 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/52/L.1. A note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation is contained in document A/C.2/52/L.1/Add.1.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Friday, 19 September 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, for the purpose of electing its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its programme of work.

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA

Lists of speakers

The first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will take place in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997.

The high-level segment will be held on 7 and 8 and in the morning of 9 October 1997. Statements in this segment will be open to Heads of State or government, ministers and heads of delegation of the States participating in the first session of the Conference of the Parties. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the high-level segment is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: 963-5742; fax: 963-5935).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held from 1 to 3 October 1997 in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The Executive Board will hold a workshop on "Narrowing the Focus: UNDP Core Development Services" on Monday, 22 September 1997, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a closed meeting of the Afro-Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 18 September 1997, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Asian Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 18 September 1997, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

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There will be an informal meeting of interested delegations with UNDP Resident Representatives present in New York on Thursday, 18 September 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of the Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level) on Thursday, 18 September 1997, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5, to finalize the draft Declaration of the Seventh Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (document No. LDC/MM7/1997/2/Rev.2).

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There will be a closed meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean States Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 19 September 1997, from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Eastern European States Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 19 September 1997, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for the new delegates to the General Assembly:

1. Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee of the General Assembly on Friday, 19 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Conference Room 1).

2. Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly on Friday, 19 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Conference Room 3)

Since the Second Committee will hold a formal meeting on Friday, 19 September 1997, in the afternoon, the special briefing on the work of that Committee will take place on 19 September in the morning. For further information on the briefing, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 15 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

107th plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of H.E. Mr. Abdul Rahim Ghafoorzai, Prime Minister of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, and H.E. Mr. Khabouji N'zaji Lukabu, Chargé d'Affaires of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly observed a minute of silence.

The Assembly heard statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Asian States), Armenia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Uruguay (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Liechtenstein (on behalf of the Western European and other States), Guinea-Bissau (on behalf of the African States) and the United States (as the host country).

Statements were made by the representatives of Afghanistan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/51/780/Add.8) [119]

The General Assembly took note that Grenada, Guinea-Bissau and Seychelles had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 166 (Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991): note by the Secretary-General (A/51/968) [8]

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 166 entitled "Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting. The Assembly further agreed to give it immediate consideration.

Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991 [166]

(a) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/51/958)

(b) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/51/976)

The representative of the Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to endorse the recommendation of the Secretary-General, endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 1126 (1997) of 27 August 1997, that Judges Karibi-Whyte, Odio Benito and Jan, once replaced as members of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, would finish the Celebici case, which they had already begun before expiry of their terms of office, and took note of the intention of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia to finish the case before November 1998.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 166.

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [10]:

(a) Report of the High-level open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations (A/51/43);

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/973)

(c) Draft decision (A/51/43, para. 18);

(d) Draft resolution (A/51/L.78)

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Fifth Committee.

The Assembly adopted the draft decision contained in paragraph 18 of the report of the Working Group (A/51/43)

The representative of Cape Verde made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.78.

The representative of Luxembourg made a statement (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia).

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.78 (resolution 51/242).

The President made a statement.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 10.

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [47]:

(a) Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council (A/51/47 and Corr.1);

(b) Draft decision (A/51/47, para. 10)

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Working Group in paragraph 10 of its report (A/51/47).

The President made a statement.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 47.

The situation in Burundi [43]

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 43 to its fifty-second session and to include it in the draft agenda of that session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 43.

Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [46]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 46 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 46.

Question of Cyprus [58]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 58 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 58.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons [167]

The President recalled that at its 100th plenary meeting on 22 May 1997, the General Assembly adopted resolution 51/230.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 167.

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [115]

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 115 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 115.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission of El Salvador [127]

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 127.

Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia [128]

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 128 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 128.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II [130]

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 130 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 130.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique [131]

The Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 131 and to include it in the draft agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 131.

Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Mission for Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala [165]

The President recalled that at its 95th plenary meeting on 3 April 1997, the General Assembly adopted resolution 51/228.

The President further informed the Assembly that an item entitled "Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala" had been included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-second session.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 165.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 112, 116, 118, 119, 140 (a) and 141.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/922/Add. 1 and 2) [112]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of part II of its report (A/51/922/Add. 1)

The Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 13 of part III of its report (A/51/922/Add.2) (resolution 51/243).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 14 of the same document.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Cuba.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 112

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997: report of the Fifth Committee (Part IV) (A/51/750/Add .3) [116]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of Part IV of its report (A/51/750/Add.3).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 116.

Pattern of conferences: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/742/Add .1) [118]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of Part II of its report (A/51/742/Add.1) (resolution 51/211 F)

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 118.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/747/Add. 2) [119]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of Part III of its report (A/51/747/Add.2).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 119.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/753/Add. 3) [140 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of Part IV of its report (A/51/753/Add.3) (resolution 51/239 B).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 140 (a).

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 140 as a whole.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the Internal Oversight Services: report of the Fifth Committee (Part II) (A/51/741/Add.1) [141]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of Part II of its report (A/51/741/Add.1).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 141.

Agenda items remaining for consideration during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly

The President recalled that the following agenda items, on which action had been taken by the General Assembly at previous plenary meetings, still remained for consideration during the fifty-first session of the Assembly:

Item 12	Report of the Economic and Social Council
Item 17	Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections
Item 21	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance
Item 33	The situation in the Middle East
Item 32	Question of Palestine
Item 37	The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti
Item 39	The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security
Item 40	The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development
Item 56	The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Item 97	Environment and sustainable development
Item 110	Human rights questions
Item 111	Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors
Item 114	Programme planning
Item 120	Human resources management
Item 121	United Nations common system
Item 122	United Nations pension system
Item 123	Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East
Item 124	Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission

Item 125 Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Item 126 Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 129 Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Item 132 Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 133 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 134 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Item 135 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

Item 136 Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Item 137 Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 138 Financing of the United Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Item 139 Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 153 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 154 Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium

Item 155 Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Item 157 Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti

Item 168 United Nations reform: measures and proposals

The President recalled that these items had been included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-second session of the Assembly with the exception of item 120 which would be included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-third session of the Assembly.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of the aforementioned items.

Closure of the fifty-first session

The President made a statement

The General Assembly observed a minute of silent prayer or meditation.

The President then declared closed the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.

Tuesday, 16 September 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

1st and 2nd plenary meetings

Note: The summary of the 1st and 2nd plenary meetings of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/180).

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES 1483rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda

The Committee approved the agenda, without objection.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the delegation of Argentina had requested to participate in the concluding session of the Committee.

The Committee decided to accede to the request.

Tribute to Dr. Farouk Al-Attar, Minister Counsellor, Syrian Arab Republic, and former Rapporteur of the Special Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

The Chairman requested the Committee to stand for one minute in silent tribute to his memory.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chile, Bolivia, Tunisia, Indonesia, New Zealand (administering Power), Grenada, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, Portugal (administering Power), the Russian Federation, Antigua and Barbuda and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as by the representatives of Argentina and the Office of the Permanent Observer for the League of Arab States.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Volcanic eruption in Montserrat

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, extended his deepest sympathy to the Government and people of Montserrat for the tragic loss of life and extensive injuries to its people, as well as for the extensive material damage resulting from the series of volcanic eruptions in the Territory.

The Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided to accede to the request of the Citizens and Friends of Montserrat to transmit their petitions to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Statements were made by the Chairman as well as by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda.

Activities of foreign economic interests and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under their colonial domination (A/AC.109/L.1864)

The Chairman drew a draft resolution, contained in document A/AC.109/L.1864, as well as to the amendments to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the amendments without a vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as a whole, as amended, without a vote.

Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (A/AC.109/L.1865)

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement on a point of clarification.

The Chairman drew attention to the draft decision contained in document A/AC.109/L.1865.

The Committee adopted the draft decision, without a vote, with the understanding that the reservations expressed by the representative of the Russian Federation would be reflected in the record of the meeting.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/AC.109/L.1866; A/AC.109/L.1867; E/1997/81 and Add.1; A/52/185)

The Chairman drew members' attention to the report by the Secretary-General (A/52/185) and to the related reports of the Chairman of the Committee and the President of the Economic and Social Council (A/AC.109/L.1866 and E/1997/81 and Add.1 respectively), as well as to the draft resolution on the item (A/AC.109/L.1867).

The representative of Cuba made an oral report of the participation of his delegation, on behalf of the Committee, at the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council on the item, held in Geneva in July 1997.

The Chairman drew attention to the introduction of a new operative paragraph 9 to the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the Russian Federation, Chile, the Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Cuba and Tunisia, as well as by the Chairman. Further amendments were introduced by the representative of Trinidad and Tobago. The Secretary of the Committee, at the request of the Chairman, read to the Committee the amendments.

The Committee adopted the amendment, as further orally amended, without a vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as a whole, as amended, without a vote with the understanding that the reservations expressed by the delegations of the Russian Federation and Chile would be reflected in the record of the meeting.

Election of Rapporteur

The Special Committee unanimously elected Dr. Fayssal Mekdad (Syrian Arab Republic) as Rapporteur of the Special Committee.

Closure of the 1997 session

The Chairman made a closing statement.

The representative of Argentina made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement to Establish the South Center, opened for signature at Geneva on 1 September 1994

Ratification: Islamic Republic of Iran (11 September 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special tribute

A tribute in honour of Mother Teresa will be held on Thursday, 18 September 1997, at 12 noon in Conference Room 3. The meeting is being held by the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Pacem In Terris Society. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the media and non-governmental organizations are invited.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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